

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING SCHEDULE

Cleaning and washing with soap and water removes dirt, lead dust, debris and body fluids. All-purpose liquid detergents in water are the best cleaning agents. Disinfecting with chemicals eliminates from surfaces most germs that cause illness. In the child care setting, a solution of ¼ cup household liquid chlorine bleach added to one gallon of cool tap water prepared fresh daily is an effective disinfectant.

*Many things you already do to protect your children will also reduce exposure to lead. The practices that reduce lead hazards appear in **bold** on the list below:*

CLEAN AND DISINFECT

AFTER EACH USE

Mouthed Toys
Changing Tables
Counters used for food or
brushing teeth
Tables used for eating
Dishes and utensils

DAILY OR WHEN SOILED

Toys and hard surfaces
Toilets
Kitchen floors, counters,
and tables
Door knobs
Sinks
Waste Cans

WEEKLY

Window sills
Baseboards
Trash cans
Refrigerators
Crib



VACUUM/MOP

DAILY

Vacuum all rugs
Damp mop floors



WASH

AT LEAST WEEKLY, PREFERABLY DAILY, AND WHEN SOILED

Mop heads (have a special one just for cleaning up dust if lead is present)

Cloth toys
Laundry
Dress-up clothes

SPOT CLEAN

MONTHLY

Walls (do not use abrasive cleaning products or tools)
Carpets (deep clean every 6 months)